

TRIFLES.

A raindrop is a little thing,
But on the thirsty ground
It helps to make the flowers of spring,
And beauty spread around.

A ray of light may seem to be
Lost in the blaze of day;
But it's sweet mission God can see
Who sends it on its way.

YOUNG WAGE-EARNERS.

There is usually a great and surprising awakening when a young man or a young woman begins life as a bread-winner, be the calling what it may. There is a sudden realization of the truth of the old saying that things are not what they seem. Actual contact with the world in the effort to earn one's own bread and butter brings one face to face with a good many facts that seem hard, and even cruel, although they are neither. They are simply a part of the discipline of life without which there would not be any great development of character. It is but a test of one's power and stability. Thousands of young men and women are learning this lesson every day. They are awakening to the realities of life, and the loving Father of us all is helping them to be brave and true and strong.

THE FRIENDSHIP OF BOOKS.

To fall in love with a good book is one of the greatest events that can befall us. It is to have a new influence pouring itself into our life, a new teacher to inspire and refine us, a new friend to be by our side always, who, when life grows narrow and weary, will take us into His wider and calmer and higher world.

Whether it be biography, introducing us to some humble life made great by duty done; or history, opening vistas into the movements and destinies of nations that have passed away; or poetry, making music of all the common things around us, and filling the fields and the skies and the work of the city and the cottage with eternal meanings—whether it be these, or story books, or religious books, or science, no one can become the friend even of one good book without being made wiser and better.

WISE MEN KNOW

It is folly to build upon a poor foundation, either in architecture or in health. A foundation of sand is insecure, and to deaden symptoms by narcotics or nerve compound is equally dangerous and deceptive. The true way to build up health is to make your blood pure, rich and nourishing by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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GOING TO THE DOCTOR'S; OR, THE SYMPATHIZING DOG.

Mr. Henry East, the author, records the interesting case of a dog named "Dash" which had its leg broken, by being run over, and was taken to a surgeon, to have it set. Some time after, when the leg was healed, "Dash" met with one of his friends, who was suffering from a similar accident.

He immediately trotted off with him to the house of the surgeon wher

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he had himself obtained relief, and barked and howled for admission. As soon as the door was opened, "Dash" rushed into the surgery, and, as well as he could, explained his errand. The kind surgeon set the lame dog's leg, after which the two four-legged friends left the house, expressing their gratitude most unmistakably, by wagging their tails; Dash bounding about with delight.

Mrs. S. James, Seaforth, suffered for years with what is called old people's rash. She was treated by many physicians without any result. Mr. Fear, the local druggist, recommended Dr. Chase's Ointment, which relieved the irritation at once and speedily effected a permanent cure of the skin eruption. Mrs. James also says Dr. Chase's Ointment cured her of Itching Piles which she had been troubled with for years.

—God means us to be useful, no matter where He puts us.

—Better to bend the neck promptly than to bruise the forehead.

—How much lies in laughter, the cipher key wherewith we decipher the whole man.

O. S. Doan, of Clinton, says not to go on suffering as he did for years with Salt Rheum, when a few boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment will cure you.

Dr. Chase's Ointment cured Hiram Frey, of Norwood, after suffering ten years with Eczema of the leg.

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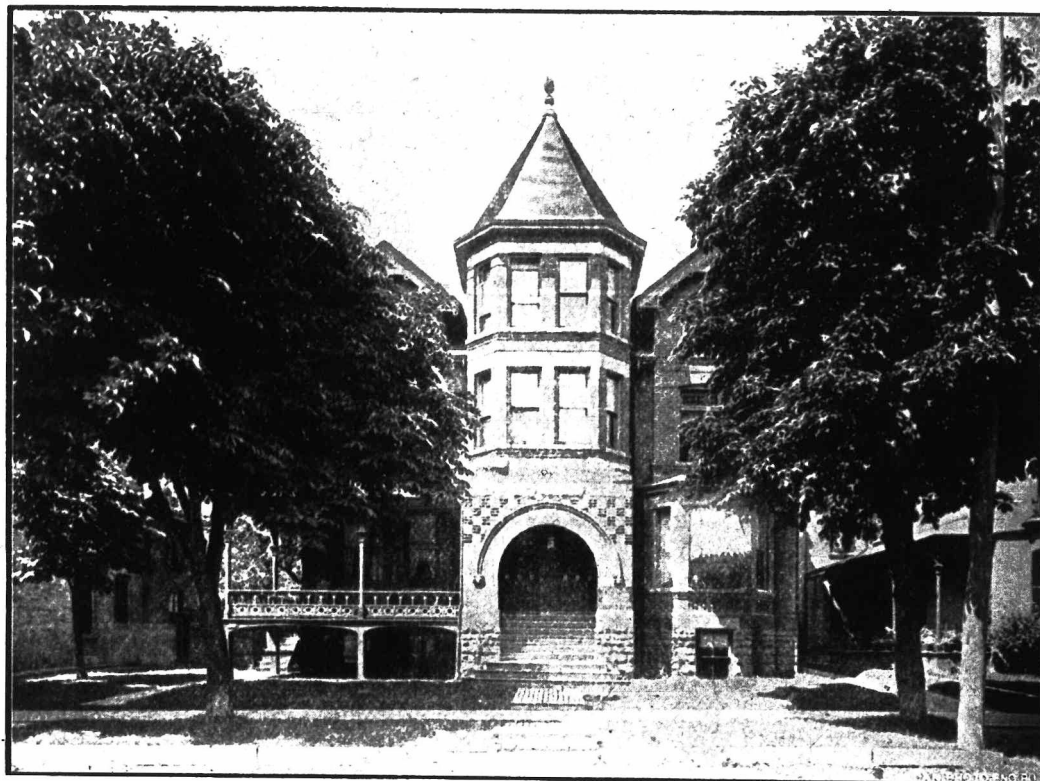
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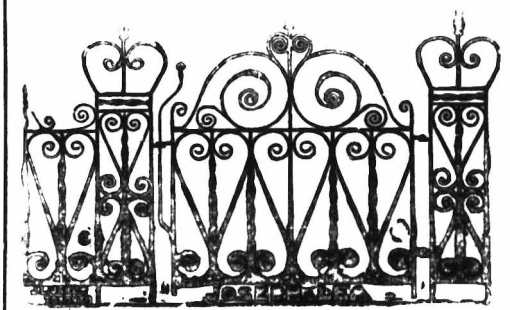
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